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SUPPLEMENT

1. It has been reported that Sebastian Estenssoro has recently purchased approximately 3,000,000 bolivianos worth of arms and munitions for the MNR party. Sebastian Estenssoro is the uncle of Victor Paz Estenssoro, presently in Buenos Aires in exile for his activities during the Villarroel regime. Sebastian Estenssoro is the owner of Orbe Ltd., a large representation house in Bolivia. Where these arms were purchased, or how they were brought into Bolivia, is not known. It is believed they could easily have been smuggled into the country in shipments for Orbe Ltd.
2. Regular meetings are held in Estenssoro's office building, Avenida Camacho, Edificio Saenz, a few blocks from the American Embassy. Estenssoro is also reported to conduct meetings in the early morning hours in Obrajes, a small suburb about three miles from La Paz, for the purpose of distribution and disposition of these arms that he has purchased.
3. The possibility exists that the arms recently discovered in the mining areas, reportedly manufactured in Argentina, may be tied in with the purchase of arms by Estenssoro.

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